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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government have received the report of the Expert Committee and the various recommendations made by the Committee are under examination in consultation with the Director of Agriculture. The question of publishing a synopsis or summary of the report is also under the consideration of Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" How long will this consideration take? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The report was submitted to the Government only in the third week of November. It will take some time."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will it take years or months? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As long as it is necessary." (Laughter.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is a stock question and a stock answer."

Construction of certain buildings for the Stanley Hospital, etc., Madras.

11-45 a.m. * 94 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the scheme for a new building previously sanctioned for the new Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliyar's Lying-in Hospital is to be deferred;

(*b*) whether the construction of additional Nurses' quarters in the Stanley Hospital, Madras, has been deferred; and

(*c*) whether the construction of an infectious diseases block and mortuary in Stanley Hospital is deferred?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The scheme for the reconstruction of the Raja Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar's Lying-in-Hospital is being considered in connexion with the Budget Estimate for 1950–51.

" (*b*) The construction of additional Nurses quarters sanctioned in 1948 has been dropped; and in its place the construction of a third floor over the ' Nurses Home ' at the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Madras, has been sanctioned to accommodate the nurses of the Government Stanley Hospital.

" (*c*) The construction of an infectious diseases block is being considered in connexion with the budget for 1950–51. There is no proposal before Government to construct a mortuary. The Surgeon-General will come up to Government if and when necessary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What is the distance between the Stanley Hospital and the place at which these quarters are now constructed? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Stanley Hospital is two miles away from the place where these quarters are now being constructed."